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SUBJECT: EXIMBANK SUPPORT FOR HONG KONG MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY

1. THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY AUTHORITY (MTRA) HERE REQUESTS AN INDICATION OF EXIMBANK SUPPORT AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

2. A LETTER FROM MR. N.S. THOMPSON, CHAIRMAN (DESIGNATE) OF THE MTRA DATED AUGUST 21 STATES,
"DURING OUR VISIT IN WASHINGTON IN EARLY MAY, WE WERE ADVISED THAT THE EXPORT/IMPORT BANK WOULD PROVIDE US WITH A LETTER OF PROVISIONAL COMMITMENT. WE HAVE RECEIVED SUCH INDICATIONS FROM ALL THE EXIM OR GOVERNMENT FINANCE DEPARTMENTS THAT WE VISITED, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE EXPORT/IMPORT BANK OF THE UNITED STATES.

I TELEXED DOUGLAS SMITH TO THIS EFFECT ON THE 6TH OF AUGUST, AND RECEIVED HIS CABLE REPLY ON THE 12TH TO THE EFFECT THAT WE COULD EXPECT THE EXIM BANK'S DECISION SHORTLY. WE HAVE HEARD NOTHING FURTHER AND I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR DOING WHAT YOU CAN TO OBTAIN THEIR DECISION."

3. PULLMAN STANDARD HAS JUST COMPLETED TWO DAYS OF INTENSIVE DISCUSSION WITH MTRA ON THE POSSIBILITY OF SUPPLYING
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